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## Deny Reports

Losses Among Physicians on Western Front Declared Not Excessive.

Richmond, Va., July 26—Casualties among medical officers on the western front have not been in any sense excessive and have not justified the extravagant reports in circulation, according to statistics furnished the State Board of Health by the local auxiliary medical defense committee.

Speaking for the committee, Dr. Douglas Vanderhoof today wrote the board as follows: "In the past few weeks curiously exaggerated reports have been circulated relative to casualties among medical men in the war. Recently the Wall Street Journal reported that 60,000 men in the medical corps had been killed since the beginning of hostilities. It has also been said that the percentage of losses among medical men is greater than in any other branch of the service, even including aviators. The tremendous amount of misinformation that has been circulated regarding doctors during the past two or three months would be amusing were it not for the worry and anxiety it has caused among friends and relatives.

"In contradistinction to the above, the Official Bulletin—the government's daily newspaper—for June 16th, publishes an interview with Col. T. H. Goodwin, of the Royal Medical Corps of Great Britain, flatly contradicting the story that 60,000 English doctors have lost their lives in the service. The total loss, Col. Goodwin is quoted as saying, is not 2 per cent of that number. He further stated that there are only 12,000 medical men in the British army.

"Since, then, Col. Goodwin, who is in this country, called to the British War Officials for the actual facts. He received the following data: The total casualties among medical officers of the British forces, on the western front, from the beginning of the war to June 23, 1917, were: killed, 195; wounded, 707; died of disease, 62. Hence the total number of casualties from actual war injuries on the western front was 962, of which 195 were killed. This is entirely different from some of the statements which have received wide publicity in this country—some even semi-official in character—which have reacted to the detriment of the efforts to secure officers for the Medical Reserve Corps."

## American Red Cross Big Stone Gap Chapter Memberships.

Annual Memberships \$1.00.  
(List No. 2.)

Skeen, Mrs. J. B.  
McCluen, Mrs. S. A.  
Blanton, Mrs. C. F.  
Horally, Miss Nellie  
Taylor, Mrs. I. C.  
Ayers, H. J.  
Ayers, Miss Martha Louise  
Ayers, Miss Emily  
Owens, A. D.

## Episcopal Church

Sunday August 5th. Ninth Sunday after Trinity. Sermon and Holy Communion 11:00 a. m., Archdeacon E. A. Rich. Sunday School 10:00 a. m., Geo. L. Taylor, Supt. Special music. The public are cordially invited to attend these services.

## Organization Perfected

A called meeting of the Red Cross was held at the residence of Mrs. John Fox, Sr., on Thursday evening, July 19th, for the purpose of perfecting that organization. A charter has been granted to the society here and its organization has been approved by Mr. Charles H. Anderson, Director for the Red Cross of the State of Virginia. The chapter is to be called "The Big Stone Gap Chapter" and its territory includes the Richmond Magisterial District and Keokee.

The model by laws were adopted at this meeting, and officers and chairmen of the various committees were elected as follows:

Chairman—Mr. Ralph Taggart.  
Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Edw. Goodloe.  
Treasurer—Mr. Lewis T. Winston.  
Secretary—Mrs. James B. Ayers.  
Civilian Relief—Mrs. C. C. Cochran, Chairman; Mrs. J. L. McCormick, Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen.  
Ways and Means—Mrs. R. E. Taggart, Chairman; Mrs. R. T. Irvine, Mrs. Marvin Kelly, Mrs. W. R. Peck, Mrs. Kyle Morrison.

Organization—Miss Minnie Fox, Chairman; Mrs. R. T. Irvine, Mrs. J. L. McCormick, Mrs. J. B. Ayers.

Membership—Mrs. Otis Mouser, Chairman; Mrs. R. B. Alsolver, Mrs. Hinkle, Miss Mary Ramsey, Miss Mary Skeen.

Press—Mrs. R. B. Alsolver, Chairman.

Military Relief—Mrs. Horace Fox, Chairman; Miss Mary Connor, Surgical Supplies; Mrs. Shade Polly, Sewing Room; Mrs. R. E. Taggart, Buying; Mrs. Gilbert Knight, Packing and Shipping; Mrs. E. J. Prescott, Cutting; Mrs. Arthur Foster, Mrs. R. E. Taggart, Mrs. E. F. Burgess, Mrs. Edw. Goodloe; Mrs. Horace Fox, Inspector.

Juliet B. Ayers, Secretary.

## Executive Committee

R. E. Taggart, Chairman of the Big Stone Gap Chapter of American Red Cross, has appointed the following executive committee:

|                      |                |
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| Dr. C. B. Bowyer     | Stonegap       |
| C. G. Duffy          | "              |
| S. J. Gundry         | "              |
| Patience Celestine   | "              |
| J. W. Guenther       | Appalachia     |
| C. C. Fuller         | "              |
| Geo. Jenkins         | "              |
| Rev. R. E. Early     | "              |
| W. A. Johnson        | "              |
| E. C. Cartwright     | "              |
| E. C. Maimon         | "              |
| W. B. Edwards        | "              |
| L. W. Howland        | "              |
| Dr. C. A. Hutchinson | Arno           |
| E. F. Tate           | Osaka          |
| B. I. Bell           | "              |
| J. K. Taggart        | Roda           |
| B. C. Henson         | "              |
| H. A. Alexander      | Imboden        |
| C. H. Morgan         | "              |
| J. A. Crocker        | Exceter        |
| Geo. R. Morris       | Keokee         |
| T. J. Tuder          | "              |
| W. R. Williams       | Imman          |
| J. H. Hagy           | "              |
| Harry Zepp           | Cadet          |
| C. O. VanGorder      | "              |
| C. F. Blanton        | East Stone Gap |
| C. H. Thompson       | Darbyville     |
| A. W. Wagner         | St. Charles    |
| Grover C. Orr        | "              |
| C. W. Bondurant      | "              |
| J. P. Adams          | "              |
| Mr. Hopkins          | "              |
| M. K. Kelly          | Big Stone Gap  |
| Jno. Fox             | "              |
| R. T. Irvine         | "              |
| R. A. Ayers          | "              |
| E. J. Prescott       | "              |
| J. W. Chalkley       | "              |
| C. S. Carter         | "              |
| H. L. Miller         | "              |
| Otis Mouser          | "              |
| W. A. Rogers         | "              |
| G. N. Knight         | "              |
| R. B. Alsolver       | "              |
| H. E. Fox            | "              |
| G. L. Taylor         | "              |

## Amount Received.

The following amounts have been derived from benefits for The Big Stone Gap Chapter of The Red Cross:

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| June 29th. May pole dance and entertainment | \$ 52.00 |
| July 3rd. Red Cross Dance                   | 122.00   |
| July 4th. Tags and Lunch Stands             | 330.50   |

## To Organize Home Guard

We, the undersigned, citizens of Big Stone Gap and vicinity, appreciating the gravity of the present international situation, and the fact that, while it is not probable, it is possible that in our own community, after our National Guard company goes to mobilization camp, some trouble may arise that will necessitate quick and concerted action for the protection of our homes and fireplaces; and appreciating the further fact that it may be possible that many of us may eventually be called upon to render active military service; and believing that a reasonable amount of physical exercise will at least be healthful; do hereby call a meeting of all the male citizens of this community between the ages of sixteen (16) and seventy-five (75) years, to be held at the Town Hall on Thursday, August 2, 1917, at 8:30 p. m., to consider the formation of a Home Guard.

Horace E. Fox, George L. Witt, Jno. W. Chalkley, George L. Taylor, H. A. W. Skeen, Jno. Fox, Jr., W. T. Painter, G. N. Knight, W. G. Gault, G. L. Kelly, C. C. Cochran, Marshall Belcher, J. L. McCormick, Karl Stoeber, R. T. Irvine, Wm. H. Nichols, Jr., P. H. Kennedy, C. S. Carter, W. S. Beverly, R. A. Ayers, W. B. Kilbourn, R. E. Taggart

## List of Annual Memberships American Red Cross At Josephine Plant, Inter-mont Coal & Iron Corp'n.

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Adams, J. D.      | Lane, Echel       |
| Adams, M. B.      | Leffew, W. B.     |
| Anderson, Frank   | Miller, Sam       |
| Anderson, Will    | Martha, Orbin     |
| Bosner, Fred      | Moore, Hiram      |
| Baker, Milburn    | McClary, Mike     |
| Barton, Chas.     | Malone, Noah      |
| Bledsoe, Quillen  | Nopper, Henry     |
| Bledsoe, Richard  | O'Neil, Stalard   |
| Beverly, Pat      | O'Neil, Sam       |
| Black, Henry      | Poore, Rutland    |
| Beckley, W. W.    | Poore, Hubert     |
| Boyle, J. W.      | Poore, Elmer      |
| Collier, Prentiss | Poore, Jacob      |
| Colburn, Walker   | Qualls, J. H.     |
| Candill, Hoscoe   | Robinson, Perry   |
| Chest, Malen      | Ramey, Jno.       |
| Donalds, Jas.     | Roy, J. D.        |
| Davis, Ike        | Sidham, Corbett   |
| Davison, Tom      | Sidham, J. M.     |
| Ellis, Chris      | Sidham, Henry     |
| Fields, Bradley   | Snoelgrass, Lee   |
| Fields, Leonard   | Snoelgrass, H. L. |
| Fisher, Quillen   | Snoelgrass, Pat   |
| Fisher, H. C.     | Snoelgrass, Fred  |
| Frazier, D. V.    | Stacey, M. C.     |
| Gray, Wm.         | Spears, Drew      |
| Graham, Sherman   | Stuart, Sam       |
| Huff, Fred        | Stewart, Jno.     |
| Huff, Therman     | Thacker, Volly    |
| Henry, Grover     | Thacker, Monroe   |
| Horne, Trench     | Thacker, Orbin    |
| Johnson, Code     | Toney, Jno.       |
| Johnson, Rex      | Thompson, Ed      |
| Johnson, Jas.     | Wampler, Henry    |
| Johnson, A. C.    | Williams, Jno.    |
| Johnson, Jno.     | Williams, Henry   |
| Kelly, Wm.        | Willis, W. H.     |
| Kelly, J. H.      |                   |
| Kelly, M.         |                   |

## Delightful Dance.

Harry J. Ayers gave a very delightful dance last Friday evening from nine until one o'clock in honor of his niece, Miss Margaret Pettit, who recently returned from the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, and her guest, Miss Margaret Aston, of Lebanon.

The whole lower floor for the occasion was made very attractive with vases and bowls of summer flowers. A local string orchestra furnished the music for dancing in the dining room. Delicious punch and sandwiches were served to all during the evening, between dances, in the parlor.

Those present were: Misses Margaret Aston, of Lebanon; Mary Ferguson, of Richmond; Eunice Jones and Ruth Pettit, of Ohio; Margaret, Adelaide and Kate Lewis Pettit, Louise Goodloe, Ruth Prescott, Margaret and Christine Miller, Caroline Rhoads, Jess McCorkle, Ruby Kemper, Bettie Reeder and Janet Bailey. Messrs. John White Stuart, of Lebanon; John H. Johnson, of Gate City; Dr. John McQuire, of Cedar Bluff; Dr. Marks, of Clinchport; Jas. Barker, of Bristol; A. Greenfield, of Appalachia; John Jones, Jas. Reynolds, W. M. Dale, Sam McCluen, Josh and Leuit. Henry Bullitt, E. L. Curley, Willard Miller, Baylor Blanchard, Andrew Reeder, John Fox, Jr., and Harry J. Ayers. Mrs. A. K. Morrison, Mrs. Julia Kirby and Mrs. A. H. Reeder.

## Examination Will Reveal Defects

Health Authorities Expect Much Tuberculosis to Be Disclosed in New Army.

Richmond, Va., July 27.—The physical examination of men who have been enrolled for the new army is expected by the state board of health to show that several thousand Virginians not known to have consumption are suffering from the disease and stand in need of treatment.

In anticipation of the result of this examination, the board today wrote all the medical members of the local boards of exemption and asked their cooperation in the diagnosis and report of these cases. On the basis of this information, the board expects to appeal for such action as may be necessary to safeguard the health of these men and of those who may be exposed, by contact with them, to the danger of infection.

The board is being guided in its action by the experience of France since the outbreak of the war. In the hurry of mobilization in August, 1914, French surgeons passed into the ranks many men who were suffering from consumption. Trench warfare and active campaigning has aggravated the disease in these men and, contrary to the traditional experience in earlier wars, has led to the infection of many who were healthy when they entered service. The result has been that the facilities of the French for the treatment of consumption have been greatly overtaxed and, even now, are inadequate to the demands made upon them.

Arguing from this gloomy phase of the war, the board is hoping that chest examinations made when the men are called up will reveal most of the consumptives and thereby will reduce the chances of infection within the army. But the solution of this problem is regarded by the board as merely presenting another—that of caring for the men who will be found to have consumption and will be desirous of taking treatment. The Catawba Sanatorium, which is the only state institution of its kind in Virginia, is filled to capacity already and has a large waiting-list. The new state sanatorium for consumptive negroes has not yet been constructed and, with its present appropriation, cannot care for any considerable number of the negro recruits who may be found to have consumption. In the judgment of the board, co-operative action between the state and Federal governments, and the assistance of the American Red Cross may be necessary, if any provision worthy of the name is made for the enrolled men who prove to be tuberculous.

## Dinner Party for Miss Aston.

Miss Minnie Fox was the hostess of a lovely dinner party last Tuesday evening, complimentary to Miss Margaret Pettit and her guest, Miss Margaret Aston, at her home.

Covers were laid for the following guests: Miss Margaret Pettit, Margaret Aston, Gay White, of Abingdon; Messrs. Andrew Reeder, Baylor Blanchard and John Fox, Jr. After dinner the party motored to Norton in the Fox limousine, returning in time for the show.

With the Radcliffe Chautauqua, Big Stone Gap, August 17, 18 and 20.



Elaine Duncan Company.—They present a program consisting of readings, embracing solos, duets, pianologues, solos on the clarinet and French horn and trio work.

## Complimentary to Miss Aston.

Miss Margaret Aston, of Lebanon, who is the attractive guest of Miss Margaret Pettit in the Gap, was the honoree of a lovely party at the home of Mrs. J. B. Ayers, on Poplar Hill, last Wednesday afternoon at three-thirty.

Progressive Hearts was the mode of entertainment during the afternoon at three tables at which Misses Margaret and Adelaide Pettit won the least number of hearts and won the prize, a set of cards, which they presented to the guest of honor, Miss Aston.

A delicious salad course was served at the tables to the guests at the close of the afternoon.

On Thursday afternoon from three-thirty to six o'clock Mrs. James Camblos, of Kingsport, entertained very delightfully with three tables of Progressive Hearts at her father's home, Major J. F. Bullitt's, on Poplar Hill, in honor of Miss Margaret Pettit and her guest, Miss Margaret Aston, of Lebanon.

Miss Adelaide Pettit again won the least number of hearts and won the prize, a sweet grass basket, which she presented to Miss Aston at the close of the game, after which a delicious salad course was served to the guests at the three card tables.

## Virginia Men In New Coal Company.

News from Whitesburg, Ky., states that W. M. Pursiful and James R. Hoge, formerly of Big Stone Gap, and Perry E. Gorman, of Jelico, Tenn., have organized the Hazard Junior Coal Company at Hazard, in the Perry county coal field with a capital of \$18,000 and will begin work at once on a new coal development—properties having been leased for development. The new work will be on the main line of the Louisville & Nashville railroad several miles above Hazard and will open up a rich, undeveloped coal section. Perry E. Gorman will be manager of the new operation. He was formerly connected with the Hazard Coal Company. A goodly number of men will be employed.

## Leaves for London, England.

Dr. Rufus Morrison, formerly of Big Stone Gap, Va., who has until recently been connected with Rockefeller Institute, visited his relatives, Col. and Mrs. J. M. Barker and family, on Spruce Street, during the past week, and bade them goodbye, as he will be sailing today for London, England, where he goes as an army surgeon. Dr. Morrison was accompanied from here by his brothers, Messrs. Hugh Morrison, of Johnson City, and Kyle Morrison, of Big Stone Gap, Va., who went as far as New York with him.—Bristol Herald Courier.

Lieut. and Mrs. Sam McChesney, of Clinchport, spent a few days in the Gap last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Beverly.

Carlisle Skeen, who has been surveying for Fox and Peck at Coal Creek, Tenn., returned to the Gap, where he was called as a reserve of Company H.

## Needs of the Recruits.

We, the undersigned, were appointed a committee by the Red Cross Society of Big Stone Gap to look after the needs of the recruits stationed at Big Stone Gap. We found the boys in need of nearly everything—blankets, towels, soap, combs, tooth brushes and other necessities. The government is unable to furnish these things at the present time owing to the demand from all sections of the country, and as the boys had not received any pay most of them were unable to buy such things as they needed.

As the Big Stone Gap Chapter did not consider that they had authority to make such purchases, we were obliged to call upon the people of this town and county for the necessary funds.

We want to thank the ladies of Big Stone Gap for the loan of many blankets, The Norton Red Cross Society for their subscription of twenty-five dollars, the gentlemen of Wise for their donation of ten dollars and those of the citizens of Big Stone Gap who furnished us with ten dollars.

An itemized account of disbursements of the above amounts will be furnished later.

Mrs. C. C. Cochran,  
Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen,  
Mrs. J. L. McCormick.

## Montvale Man Praised Tanlac

After Taking Four Bottles He Says He Is Feeling As Well As He Ever Did.

"I suffered from inflammation of the stomach for several months. My symptoms were severe pains in stomach, weak and shortness of breath. I lost fifteen pounds in two weeks and had a bad color in my face. I bought Tanlac because doctors couldn't do me any good and Tanlac was highly recommended in the papers. I began improving on the first bottle. I took four bottles and now I am thoroughly cured, feel as well as I ever did in my life. I recommend Tanlac because it made me feel like a new man and I want every sufferer of stomach trouble cured," stated J. F. Williamson, a farmer of Montvale, Va.

What better results could you wish for? This statement is no exception, over a quarter of a million people have recommended Tanlac for ailments of the stomach, kidneys and liver and surely with this much proof no one should further delay in giving this "National Tonic" a thorough test. Go today and get a bottle. Tanlac is sold here at the Mutual Drug Company and at Cox Bros., Dryden, Va.—adv.

Dr. Link, the popular druggist for the Mutual Drug Store, is spending several days with homefolks in Richmond.